GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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MAHARASHTRA WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE PROJECT STAGE - II
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a `Flora and Fauna` report to the Union Government on January 31, 2001 for getting environmental clearance with regard to Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II including the Poshir Dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present status of the project; and

(c) the steps taken for early environmental clearance to the project and forwarding the same to the World Bank for financial assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a),(b) & (c) The flora and fauna survey report was received in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 5th February 2001. The Ministry`s comments on the report were sent to the Government of Maharashtra on 6th August, 2001. The State Government was advised to revise the Environmental Impact Assessment report and resubmit it taking into account the observations of the expert committee constituted for the purpose in the Ministry. Decision regarding grant of environmental clearance would be taken within 90 days of submission of complete information.

The revised project identification report has been cleared from the technical angle by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization and also approved in principle by the Planning Commission for posing to the World Bank.